different private parties, the film "Bichhanatabadir Chakranter Biruddhe" was recommended by the Revising Committee of the Central Board of Film Certification for grant of a 'U' certificate, subject to a few cuts in its visuals and dialogue. The applicant, however accepted only some of the cuts and then, instead of approaching the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal, as the normal practice, filed a case in the Calcutta High Court against the decision of the Board. On its hearing on 16.6.1989, the High Court of Calcutta has reserved its final judgement in the case. The matter is thus still *sub-judice*.

The other documentary, 'Manaber Adhikar' came up for certification before the Board on 11.3.1987. The Examining Committee of the Board recommended grant of a 'U' Certificate, with certain cuts. This was accepted by the applicant and the certificate was issued on 12.3.1987.

Increase in bonus rates admissible to the employees of Railway Workshops

872. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the production/incentive bonus rates to the Railway workshop employees; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY IF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to increase the incentive hourly rates in railway workshops.

(b) Hourly rates of incentive payments require increase because of the revision in the pay scales as per the recommendations of the IV Pay Commission. No specific hourly incentive rates were recommended by the Pay Commission. It had recmomended that the existing incentive scheme should be carefully reviewed as substantial changes have taken place due to modernization and introduction of sophisticated technologies in workshops. There is a proposal to formulate a revised incentive scheme and to decide upon an interim increase in incentive hourly rates in consultation with the recognised Labour Federations.

News item on Pakistan's F-16s

873. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Pak F-16s targeted at India" which was published in the Hindustan Times, dated 19 June, 1989;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the precautionary measures taken by Government after Pakistan acquired those fighter aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Our concerns about Pakistan's acquisition of weapons far in excess of its legitimate defence needs have been conveyed to all concerned from time to time. Government also keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard it.

Electrification of Railway lines in Andhra Pradesh

874. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the

details of the funds allocated for electrification of railway lines in Andhra Pradesh and works completed so far and of the pending works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (I) Funds allocated for electrification works in Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90—Rs. 30.64 crores.

(II) Electrification of the following sections in Andhra Pradesh has been completed.

(a) Elavur-Vijayawada-Makudi

(b) Krishna Canal-Guntur-Tenali

(c) Gudur-Renigunta-Tirupati

(d) Renigunta-Ponpadi

(III) Electrification of the following sections falling in Andhra Pradesh is in progress.

(a) Kazipet-Sanatnagar

(b) Patchur-Bisanattam as part of electrification of Jolarpettai-Bangalore section.

British Airlines to fly from Calcutta

875. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

SHRI MOHAMMAD AMIN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the British Airways is operating 16 flights from India;

(b) if so, whether Government are pursuing or propose to pursue the British airlines to touch or fly from Calcutta; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to start operating from Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the current bilateral arrangements between India and U.K., British Airways have the right to operate to Calcutta. They have to simply file their schedule with DGCA if they decide to touch Calcutta. However, their Summer 1989 Schedule filed with and approved by the DGCA does not include operations to or through Calcutta.

876. [*Transferred to the 1st August 1989*]

Hardship faced by the people of Tripura due to air fare increase

877. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for which the existing fare for the air services have been enhanced though it is a hardship for the people of Tripura;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reduce the fare for services to and from Tripura; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The reasons for increase in domestic fares are as follows:—

(i) Rise in material costs and wages;

(ii) Increase in navigational and other charges;

(iii) Increase in food costs;

(iv) Financing purchase of A-320 aircraft;

(v) Rise in US dollar rate;

(vi) Increase in other costs;

(b) and (c) The fares of Indian Airlines ex-Tripura are already lower than the all India fares. Besides, Janta flights (Calcutta-Agartala and back) operated by Vayudoot would continue to be subsidised.